**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Youth Winter Retreat – January 17-19, 2025***

The youth will have their second ever Winter Retreat January 17-19, 2025 at Shocco Springs. The cost is $175 and that includes transportation and all meals. If you plan to register more than one student, please reach out to Keri for a discount code. Please register in Church Center by December 1st.

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***Kids Camp Registration is Open***

Registration for summer Student Life Kids Camp is available now. Kids Camp is for our students who are currently in 3rd-5th grades. Camp will take place at Shocco Springs Conference Center, July 15-18. At this time, registration is only open to CFC families, but we will open registration to friends of CFC families in December if space allows. Register in Church Center. Please let Sarah Beth know if you have any questions.

***Birds and Bees Seminar***

On January 10, 2025, we are going to host the "Birds and Bees" seminar night. The Birds and Bees seminar is a simple video based course that aims to give parents the tools and confidence to talk to their young kids about sex. We hope that by educating and empowering your kids, you build a foundation for future conversations, protect them from dangers on and offline, and have the power of the first impression. The course is aimed at parents of kids ages 1–10. We'd love for moms and dads to make a date night out of this evening and attend together if they are able. Dinner is available for purchase if you'd like to make it a full night, or you can come just for the seminar portion. Register on Church Center.

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***Directory Updates***

For all members of CFC, if you have recently moved, added children to your family, or would like to update your email address or picture in the church directory, please email those updates to [kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org).

***Members Meeting – Sunday, December 8 at 5:00pm***

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Description automatically generatedAll members are invited to join us for a fellowship meal and members' meeting on Sunday, December 8th at 5:00pm. We will first gather for dinner, which will be provided by CFC, and then begin the Members' Meeting afterward. To help us order the correct amount of food and have enough rooms for childcare, please RSVP at this QR code. During the meeting, kids in our green, blue, and elementary age groups will participate in a Christmas Celebration complete with activities, crafts, inflatables, and a Bible lesson. Our younger preschool kids will still have childcare provided.

***50+ Fellowship – Friday, December 6***

All those age 50+ are invited to a 50+ Christmas Around the World fellowship dinner on Friday, December 6th, at 6:00 pm, to be held at the home of Mac and Jan Morson.  Guests can sign up to bring a dish from another culture or nation and one re-gifted or new Christmas gift ($10 maximum) for a gift exchange game (if they would like to participate in the game**)**. Sign up for a dish to bring at the link in the midweek email.

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***College Study Break Pancake Dinner – December 5 at 7:00pm***

All college students are invited to a pancake dinner on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be free! Contact Jonathan at (205) 792-6403 with any questions.

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***ABCH Christmas Gift Signups Available Now***

Each year, we have the opportunity to support children and moms who are in the care of one of our local partners, the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. You can sign up to buy a gift at the link in your midweek email. Gifts need to be unwrapped, with a post-it note or sticker with the recipient's name somewhere on the gift, and brought to church and dropped off at the table in the commons any Sunday morning from now until December 1st. There are many gifts to be bought, which means ample opportunities for many of us to be involved! There are many gifts to be bought, which means ample opportunities for many of us to be involved! If you have questions, you can email Keri Westbrook at [kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org).

***Thanksgiving Host Homes for Internationals***

If you are interested in hosting a small group of international students for a Thanksgiving meal on a day within the dates of November 17-28 please contact Dennis Schauer at 205-527-6845, or by email at

[schauer.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:schauer.dennis@gmail.com) for more details. If you know you would like to host already, fill out the form in your midweek email.

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**Pre-Service Music** (\*please remain seated)

“He Will Hold Me Fast” Habershon & Merker

**Welcome** Billy Shepard

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*8But you, Israel, my servant,*

*Jacob, whom I have chosen,*

*the offspring of Abraham, my friend;*

*9you whom I took from the ends of the earth,*

*and called from its farthest corners,*

*saying to you, “You are my servant,*

*I have chosen you and not cast you off”;*

*10fear not, for I am with you;*

*be not dismayed, for I am your God;*

*I will strengthen you, I will help you,*

*I will uphold you with my righteous right hand…*

*13For I, the LORD your God,*

*hold your right hand;*

*it is I who say to you, “Fear not,*

*I am the one who helps you.”*

*14Fear not, you worm Jacob,*

*you men of Israel!*

*I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD;*

*your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.* (Isaiah 41:8-10, 13-14)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*8Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.* (James 4:8a)

“How Firm a Foundation” Funk, Keith, Rippon, & Steele

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” Newton

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Proverbs 6:20-35

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Jared Jones

*2I will ponder the way that is blameless.*

*Oh when will you come to me?*

*I will walk with integrity of heart*

*within my house;*

*3I will not set before my eyes*

*anything that is worthless.*

*I hate the work of those who fall away;*

*it shall not cling to me.*

*4A perverse heart shall be far from me;*

*I will know nothing of evil.* (Psalm 101:2-4)

*22He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

(1 Peter 2:22–24)

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic\* church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

[\*that is the true Christian church of all times and all places]

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” Kauflin, Boswell, Merker, et. al

“I Need Thee Every Hour” Hawks, Lowry, & Parks

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Nick Murray

Beginnings: “Intimacy, Integrity, Injustice, & Intentionality”

Genesis 39

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore” Robinson & Thompson

**Offering**

***9For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*** (2 Corinthians 8:9)

***7Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*** (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

**Prayer of Intercession** Bart Box

**The Lord’s Prayer**

***Our Father in heaven,***

***hallowed be your name.***

***Your kingdom come,***

***your will be done,***

***on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread,***

***and forgive us our debts,***

***as we also have forgiven our debtors.***

***And lead us not into temptation,***

***but deliver us from evil.***

***For yours is the kingdom***

***and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**Benediction**

*8Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.* (1 Peter 5:8-11)

“Doxology” Bourgeois & Ken

We are pleased that you have joined us for worship this morning.

Visitors and members alike are encouraged to fellowship with one another after the service. If you would like to speak with a pastor about a need in your life or for prayer, one will be available at the front of the room.

**Additional Explanatory Notes of Worship Elements**

*†* ***The Lord’s Supper***

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper every Lord’s Day as part of our worship and witness. The Lord’s Supper is an occasion for believers in Christ to be reminded of Jesus’ death in our place, to be strengthened by the promise of His coming, and to be renewed toward God and one another. All who have identified with Christ in baptism and who are in good standing with a local church that preaches the gospel are welcome at the Table.

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For our church, that we would develop evangelistic friendships with friends, family, and neighbors who do not know the Lord; that we would have discernment and boldness in knowing how to best reach them with the gospel; and that the Lord would be pleased to draw people to himself through our faithful witness.

***For Our City***

For Mountain Brook Community Church, pastor Tim Kallam, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For the men and women serving in the armed forces, that they would strive to maintain peace and order in the places they are serving, that the Lord would comfort and preserve the families of those who are deployed, and that we would faithfully give thanks to God for these men and women.

***For Our World***

For the Baloche people living in Pakistan and throughout the Gulf region of the Middle East, for expanded opportunities for Baloche people to receive the gospel, that they would have the boldness to respond faithfully to Christ, and for believers and churches to endure in these challenging communities.

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